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Prices ended the week unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was fairly good, due to feature activity in spot locations. However, movement of eggs into other channels was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate and demand was mostly moderate. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to fair demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for the usually moderate demand. Schedules were normal. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as mostly normal.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes as the week ended. The market tone continued steady. Demand was usually fair entering the weekend. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs.

MIDWEST Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate and best into limited features. Loose egg demand was mostly moderate to instances good. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings at least adequate to instances fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks mostly adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand into all outlets mixed and ranged from light to good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies generally available.

SOUTHERN Prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Asking prices for the upcoming week were generally trending unchanged. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock demand was usually moderate for sufficient supplies. Breaking schedules were normal. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to fair demand.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	91-93	80-82	68-70
New York	54-58	52-56	48-52
Philadelphia	52-56	51-54	46-50
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	44-48	42-45	37.5-41
Jackson (1)	51-53	48-50	42-44
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	53-63	50-60	45-56
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	45-49	43-47	38-42
Detroit (2)	41-46	40-45	38-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	43-47	42-45	36-40
Major Wisconsin Cities	44-51	43-49	38-43
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	63-73	60-68	56-65
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	65-73	63-68	58-62
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	81	76	71

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices
(4) - Prices to Retailers

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 51. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 89, extra large dozen 89, large dozen 99.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	84
EXTRA LARGE	81
LARGE	76
MEDIUM	71

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	67-76
EXTRA LARGE	65-73
LARGE	63-68
MEDIUM	58-62

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-279
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings of heavy nest runs were at least adequate to instances fully adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Gradeable shell eggs continue to fill holes in breaking schedules at the present time. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	28-30	28-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-16	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were slightly lower when compared to early week's trading. Demand continued unaggressive and was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate for normal breaking schedules next week. The market tone was steady. Cases broken in the Eastern region under federal inspection were 2% less than last week and 6% less than the same week a year earlier. PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	26-30	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-18.5	13-18
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E -20-Apr-02 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,205,931	28,780	11,641	6,311	3,048	4,264
PW	1,234,974	28,555	12,001	7,092	3,025	4,293
LY	1,190,645	26,773	12,017	6,710	2,424	4,137
% CHG PW	-2	1	-3	-11	1	-1
% CHG LY	1	7	-3	-6	26	3
2002	18,141,993	419,222	180,272	96,747	42,880	65,569
2001	17,504,798	398,189	177,163	96,234	37,119	63,502
% CHG YTD	4	5	2	1	16	3
	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK		LAST YEAR	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)						
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)						

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 58.5 to 60.5 cents fob, mostly 60 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 16 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and fully steady to firm for yolk. Offerings of whole egg were adequate to close with white offerings adequate and yolk tight. Demand was good for all liquid products with yolk buyers challenged to find additional loads available at this call. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared with last week's reported prices. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 26 April, 2002 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	21	25.5-29.75	27.06	-.03
WHITES	18	9-16.5	10.83	-1.07
YOLKS	6	59.5-60.5	59.83	.60

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were lower on salted yolks and remained unchanged on the balance of products when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was mixed on yolks and steady on the remainder of items. Activity improved, although demand was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate for trade requirements. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending April 20, 2002 were 1% more than the previous week and unchanged from a year ago.

CONTAINERS)	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	
WHOLE	38-45	41-42	49-53
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		63-85
WHITES	22-32	22-25	27-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-74	71-73	77-82
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-71	66-69	73-78
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN All prices ranged unchanged with mostly values on whites unchanged to 1 cent higher and sugared yolk mostly 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was steady for all frozen products with the exception of sugared yolk which was rated as steady to fully steady. Demand was seasonally moderate for all frozen products. Offerings were adequate for immediate needs. Floor stocks in balance to instances tight. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate with prices unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	41-43	41-42
WHITES	22-32	22-25
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-76	72-74
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-69	67-69

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/20 was 13% less than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks adequate. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	48-51	
WHITES	28-31	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-80	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-76	

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher on yolks and blends, unchanged to slightly lower on albumen, and unchanged on whole when compared to last week's trading. The market tone was fully steady on yolks, unsettled to barely steady on albumen, and steady on the balance of products. Trading and demand improved, but was usually moderate. Offerings were adequate to available for current trade needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending April 20, 2002 were 1% higher than the previous week and 26% more than the same week last year. The overall total dried egg year to date change was 16% higher than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.			
WHOLE	1.40-1.65	MOSTLY	1.48-1.55
YOLKS	1.59-1.85	MOSTLY	1.70-1.77
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.70-2.05	MOSTLY	1.73-1.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.10-1.25	MOSTLY	1.12-1.15

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 19, 2002-APR 25, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
103.75								66.25							
SE				NE				MW				NW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	29.75	33.84	32.13	33.46	33.46	34.69	55.50	GNR W 1	32.25	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	36.00	33.60	31.00	34.00	29.00	7.50	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	50.00	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	27.00	29.00	2.00	GL W XL	34.62	38.33	—	—	—	44.15	13.00
GNR W 4	—	—	26.00	27.00	—	—	.25	GL W LG	—	—	—	48.50	—	45.79	19.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	33.00	34.00	—	38.00	2.00	GL W MD	32.67	34.33	—	—	—	36.81	10.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	39.00	—	1.00	NRBS - 50	—	27.00	—	—	—	—	.25
GL W XL	—	39.50	36.79	39.14	35.20	—	33.00	NRBS - 48	27.00	29.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W LG	—	39.16	34.56	35.43	36.54	—	26.00	NRBS - 42	18.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	39.31	35.75	27.11	36.00	13.50	NRBS - 39	—	20.00	—	—	—	—	.25
GL W SM	23.00	24.50	23.67	24.83	22.00	24.00	5.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	21.50	—	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 48	—	29.00	27.50	28.50	32.29	29.25	47.50								
NRBS - 45	—	—	25.50	26.50	—	—	.75								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	22.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.50	—	—	17.50	6.25								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was generally light to fair. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Processings schedules were mostly normal. Sales of finished product was clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings fully adequate for the fairly good to instances good demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for usually adequate offerings. Processing schedules were about normal. Finished product sales were clearing. Trade sentiment was steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-02 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	55.50	53.64	49.51
SOUTHERN	51.52	48.76	44.28
MIDWEST	45.71	44.12	39.49
WESTERN	73.06	68.99	63.90
TWELVE METRO AREAS	59.26	56.58	51.94

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were irregular on the heavies; unchanged on the lights when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were becoming more available but floor stocks continued to clear satisfactorily. Demand ranged light to moderate. The undertone was cautiously steady.

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, W/O FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22.5-25.5 MAJORITY	22.5-23.5 31-38 MAJORITY

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23.25-27.5 MAJORITY	23.75-24.5 31.5-38 MAJORITY

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 20-Apr-02

(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,910	1,417	3,327
LAST WEEK	1,927	1,327	3,254
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,706	1,410	3,116
TO-DATE/2002	29,139	20,765	49,904
TO-DATE/2001	29,714	21,015	50,729

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	129	0	129
LAST WEEK	253	0	253
SAME WEEK YR AGO	417	13	430
TO-DATE/2002	5,076	20	5,096
TO-DATE/2001	8,154	125	8,279

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,039	1,417	3,456
LAST WEEK	2,180	1,327	3,507
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,123	1,423	3,546
TO-DATE/2002	34,215	20,785	55,000
TO-DATE/2001	37,868	21,140	59,008

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Apr 13, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	455	363	5,058	2,998
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	8	22
Total	455	363	5,066	3,020

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Apr 13, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	87	108	1,500	1,459
Frozen	75	50	1,111	500
Dried	75	40	1,050	203
Total	237	198	3,661	2,162

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Apr 13, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	0	300	87
Extra Large	60	1,620	2,238	8,706
Large	1,020	570	16,797	28,185
Medium	1,137	60	15,045	11,608
Ungraded	17,580	7,500	33,270	50,588
Misc	5,460	1,500	10,204	7,787
Total	25,257	11,250	77,854	106,961

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	24-27	19-23	7-10

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES

EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	72-75	61-64	49-52	25-28

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
47-57	40-44	38-43	36-39	25-29

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 22-Apr-02	1,806	179,815	75,965
AM 1-Apr-02	1,480	164,226	77,627
CHG	326	15589	-1662
PCT CHG	22	9	-2

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPOR APRIL 23, 2002 PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	105	94	82	58
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	98-102	87-91	75-79	51-55
MOSTLY	100-101	89-90	77-78	53-54
RHODE ISLAND	104-108	93-97	81-85	57-61
MOSTLY	104	93	81	57
VERMONT	108-110	95-97	85	-
MOSTLY	108	97	-	-

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 20-Apr-02

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.1	19.5	8	8
BOSTON	3.7	3.6	3	-5
CHICAGO	38.6	45.1	-14	7
DETROIT	22.7	24.7	-8	8
KANSAS CITY	2.4	4.1	-41	-47
LOS ANGELES	87.1	85.0	2	9
NEW ORLEANS	13.8	14.2	-3	77
NEW YORK	34.9	31.9	9	18
ST. LOUIS	17.2	23.1	-26	-8
SAN FRANCISCO	20.4	20.2	1	5
TOTAL	261.9	271.4	-4	8
4 WK MVG AVG	292.1			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 20-Apr-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	225.6	-1	3
E.N. CENTRAL	551.3	10	15
W.N. CENTRAL	285.4	6	5
S. ATLANTIC	178.3	4	-5
S. CENTRAL	78.8	-1	2
WEST	194.9	9	5
TOTAL	1514.3	6	7
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		89	88

CHICKENS AND EGGS Released April 23, 2002**MARCH EGG PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.41 billion during March 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.31 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2002 averaged 337 million, slightly higher than the average number of layers during March 2001. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,197 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,178 eggs in March 2001.

March 2002 contained 21 weekdays, and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and five Saturdays in March 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2002, totaled 338 million, slightly higher than a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 58.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.60 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2002, averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.94 billion eggs during March 2002, up 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during March, at 316 million, was slightly higher than year earlier.

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